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1. An entire reorganization of Yugoslav state-owned foreign trade organizations, such as Jugokombiro, Hemprom, et cetera is currently taking place. Competent and trusted personnel of these companies are being selected to head new "private capital" import and export companies. The Yugoslav Government claims that new private companies are being created as the result of recent Yugoslav decrees on decentralization and the granting of concessions to private enterprise.\*
  2. These new companies will not replace the former Yugoslav foreign trade organizations but will collaborate with them. It has not yet been decided whether the companies will have their own offices and staffs abroad or use only foreign representatives. The companies are to be free to negotiate their own credits with foreign concerns and banks.
  3. One new company which is now being formed is known as Interexport and is directed by the former head of Hemprom. This company will deal in the import and export of paints and chemicals. Until the present time, this has been the exclusive task of Hemprom, which conducted most of its business with the Montecatini Company of Milan, Italy. When the director of Hemprom was appointed president of Interexport, he was instructed to submit the names of Hemprom officials who would be of value to the new organization. He submitted the names of the most qualified of his assistants and they were all given permission to transfer to the new company. As Interexport is now staffed by the most able of Hemprom's former employees and is to engage in the same line of import and exports, it is believed by Hemprom's remaining staff that the latter company will soon lose its importance and possibly be dissolved completely.
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on the part of the Yugoslav Government to convince the people that foreign commerce is once again in the hands of individuals. In organizing the companies, important facts such as who will own the stock and who will reap the profits, if any, have never been mentioned. The Government hopes that another possible advantage of the establishments of such companies will result from the fact that they may secure private foreign credits in countries which currently will not grant loans to the Yugoslav Government.

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